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To The Chairman & Members of the SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the Health and Sanitary State of the District for the Year 1952.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.

EXTRACTS from VITAL STATISTICES:-		TOTAL:	MALE:	FEMALE:
Live Births:-	Legitimate:-	15	7	8
	Illegitimate:-	2	1	1
Birth Rate:- 12.2				
Deaths:-		17	11	6
Death Rate:- 12.2				
Stillbirths:-		-	-	- none.
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-		-	-	- none.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year:-		-	-	1 (legit.)
Deaths from Cancer:-		-	-	2
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhea (under two years old)		-	-	- none.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:-

17 cases of measles were notified, 14 of these during the last quarter. Two cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Erysipelas and one of Pneumonia were notified. Infections of the middle ear continued to be frequent but responded, as before, to treatment. A number of cases of anterior poliomyelitis were notified in adjacent areas but none occured in this District. One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified (female, aged 43). There were no deaths from any of these infectious diseases.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water as supplied from the Waterworks owned by the Blyth R.D.C. continues to be satisfactory in quantity and quality. Report on this water dated 16th December, 1952 states:- "This water is of good organic quality and its bacteriological condition is excellent. There is no sign of pollution and in our opinion this water is quite fit for drinking purposes.

Six samples of water were taken for nitrate contents from wells in the Bigsby Corner area. Analysis revealed nitrate nitrogen contents of 88, 26, 12, 92, 72 and nil parts per million. As the Blyth R.D.C. is to lay a watermain through this area the effected wells should be replaced by supply from mains water.

SEWERAGE:-

Application made by the Blyth R.D.C. for the treatment of sewage fro m the neighbouring village of Kelsale by the Town sewage works is being considered.

A site has been cleared for the provision of a Public Convenience, an amenity highly desirable in a town such as this, which is a centre of local communication.

MILK:- Bacteriological Examination:-

Number of Samples examined:-	1
Number found to contain tubercle bacilli	none.
Number found to contain Brucella organisms	none.

PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING ACTS:-

Number of Houses Inspected	13
Number of Inspections	31
Number of Informal Notices served	11
Number of cases of Overcrowding	none.
Number of Defects Remedied	9
Disinfestations	none.
Disinfections	2

Rat Infestation:-	Number of premises inspected	72
	Major infestations	3
	Minor	36
	Mice only:-	1

ROUTINE INSPECTION:-

Cowsheds & Dairies:-	1	Inspections:-		4
Bakehouses	3	"	.....	12
Factories & Workshops	4	"	.....	14
Fish Shops	2	"	.....	6
Butcher's Shops	2	"	.....	4
Ice Cream Premises	1	"	.....	1
Other Shops & Various	1	"	.....	1

Informal Notices Served	3
" " Complied with	3

FOOD INSPECTION:-

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption	200 lbs. $5\frac{1}{4}$ oz. and $1\frac{3}{4}$ pints.